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1. The ID (Informationsdienst) of the SED is a legal, organic branch of the party, and operates to collect data on the state of public opinion on any subject of interest to the SED. With the aid of this instrument the party leaders hope to embark on those courses of action most likely to appeal to the popular imagination or to calculate their moves for the most propitious moments.
2. The overall direction of the ID is in the hands of Hans Kahle, acting chief of the German police in the Russian Zone. He is assisted by several Russian MVD officials and by Erich Reschke, who is in charge of the training of ID informants. Reschke uses a number of MVD officials as instructors.
3. It is reported that the provincial ID work may be taken over by the ministries of the interior of the several Länder and provinces, provided that the ministers happen to be SED members. ID workers must be devout Communists; SED members who formerly belonged to the SPD are not selected for ID activities.

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